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TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE
Charles L. Howard, Baron of
 Effingham, Knight of the Honourable
 Order of the Garter, and high Admirall of
 England, Ireland, and VVales, the dominions and Isles
 of the same, of the Towne of Callice, and the marches thereof,
 of Normandy, Gascoigne, and Guines, and Cap-
 taine generall of all her Maiesties Seas and Na-
 uie Royall, increase of honors, and hap-
 pinesse to his harts desire.



T hath euer (Right Honorable) bene an obseruatiō amongst schol-
 lers, when they intended to com-
 mit their exercises to the iudge-
 ment of others; to shroude them-
 selues vnder the patronage of some
 honorable personage; but I more
 honoring the noble minded, the a-
 ble to expresse my good will, fol-
 low his opinion, that if he wrot of the dignity of a Crowne,
 dedicated his labours to a King: if of the estate, to a graue
 Counsellor: if of religion, to a Iudiciall Diuine: if of tillage,
 to the experienced Husbandman: but if of the Seas, to the
 learned Admirall. So I writing of high matters, concerning
 the good fortune of the Seas, shrowde my selfe vnder the
 sailes of the L. High Admirall whose heroical mind I know
 to be such, that you repute it fellonie to robbe a Souldier of
 his honour, and iniurie to hide what deserued honour is
 wonne by a Subiect to his Soueraigne: for vertue ioyned
 with noblenes, is a mixture of true humanitie. And because
 (as *Dion* saith) the world is a huge caue of mingled conceits,

The Epistle dedicatorie.

and the multitude, as a many hedded beast, rumoring they knowe not what, and murmuring they know not whereat, some forward & wishing wel, others froward & discouraging the well minded: which made me the bolder to publish for the comfort of my countrymen, the honorable service of that fortunate English souldier Sir *Frauncis Drake*, according to such coppies as I haue compassed of the same, which I haue conferrd with diuers that were eye witnesses in that expedition: in which I carry this consideration, that such as proue apostatates from the field, backsliding from their service, might be preferd to be field bishops, and such as haue not yet seene the honor and daunger, may be spurred forward to reape in this harvest of renowne: For when *Darius* king of *Percia* clapt *Nabarzanes* on the back saying, now *Nabarzanes* for thy country, he made way as a fier through the throng of the *Macedonians*, that before studied what hee were best to do: and the applause of the people to the successe of that Conquering *African*, put a double edge to his sword, and added a triple courage to his minde to dye immortall, for honor is like spice which as the more it is punned in the mortar, the sweeter it smells; so honor, the more it is tossed in the mindes and mouthes of men truely, the higher it climes: In this respect am I animated to this enterprise, and this I humbly beseech your honor to countenance, that as some do, so all true English heartes maye reioyce, and praye for his prosperous successe, which the Almighty God direct and defend in all their proceedings.

Your honors humble in all
service H. H.

The most fortunate and honourable
service for England, perfourmed by Sir
 FRAVNCIS DRAKE in CALES the 19 of
 Aprill, 1587. with his latest exploits in *Cape S. Vincent*
 and *Cape Saker*, done the 21. of May: written
 by a Gentleman of his companie to one of
 his freends, as the verie truth of
 this expedition and successe.



When we recount the incomparable commodities daily flowing into this Realme, especially from the first foundation thereof; how can we doe lesse then speake to the temple of the Lord to speake the praises of his name? When we obserue the infinitenes of our sinnes, and compare them with the mercies of the Lord, then with contrition of heart, and humilitie of spirit may we say; Sure the Lord hath done great things for vs, hee hath hardened the heart of Pharao, but drowned his multitudes in the Sea: he cut off Achitophell in his pride, and preserved David in his prosperitie: he hath vnto our enemies laide out a punishment, by the frowning of the heauens, by the barrennesse of the earth, and emptines of the sea: but vnto vs hath he rained plentie, and Manna, even in the wilderness of our wickednes: Euerie winde blowes home into our houses, the good and fortunate successe of our frendes, euerie sunne shineth to our comforts, euerie riuer floweth with increase, and euerie day brings new tidings of Englands happines, which God in mercie long and euer continue. But if we compare other Realmes with this, and withall search the memorabile histories that registers the liues of our forefathers, we then may in agonie of heart burst out & say: Our vnthankfulness doth threaten punishment, and there is no way to withstand the wrath of the iust God. Run ouer the liues of a few Romaines, and obserue their care of their common wealth, (and as thou readest, let not the life of this Englishman be forgotten which occasioneth my discourse.)

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course.) Caius Marius, when hee had conquered his countries enemies, & brought Rome to her height, triumphing as a goddess over the world, in conclusion of every exploit, dedicated his sacrifices to the Gods, as the authors of every good that had beforsuned him: although in his face hee carried the countenance of maiestie, and by his speech hee bred terrour to his enemy. Scipio that Affrican conquerour in all his victories, did neuer ascribe his successe to himselfe, but gaue the honour to the Gods, sacrificing his whole honour to them, and disposing himselfe for his country. Yet died not Scipio, without the slander of old Cato: nor should honour liue in anie, without the enuie of manie.

When Iulius Cesar had ouerrun the world (almost) with his multitudes subiecting the Gales, leading Belgick captiue, terrifying Spaine by his report, and carrying Affrick at his girdle (in a manner.) Yet said he, not Cesar hath done this, but the gods: giuing the glozy to the heauens, and leauing the honour to his name. So the heathen set vs downe a rule, that is to dispose our lines for our country, to ascribe our honours to God, to begin in his feare, to continue in his truth, and to end to his praise: so hath this memorable man Sir Fraunces Drake done: hee hath studied to withstand his countries enemies, labored to enrich vs by their impouerishment, and made vs strong by their weakening: his first attempt was concluded with a golden purchase, his second ended with no lesse honour, and his last service is now knowne to be no lesse fortunate then the proudest Romaine whose honour Plutarch reports to the full. The Authoꝝ of that mirroꝝ of Tragedies touching Brittainish princes, amongst others bringeth in Ninus, complaining that his honours were forgotten, and left vnwritten, and discourting his life sets down how his death was only by offending Cesar and defending his country, making his Catastrophe mightily to perswade otherto the like honoꝝ. Then let not this seruant of our Cassibilane rest without his reward, but register his deedes, write his honours in golde, and praye for his successe he hath not incountred Cesar, yet

*Cesars
Comment.
li. 4.*

*Mirror of
Magi-
strates.*

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yet tane away his sword: he hath not freed his countrie, yet he defendeth it, by wounding the enimie, and breaking his speare: and in al his actions obserue but his order, and then can you not but confesse it is full of honour. The distaunce of his being hath not bred anie forgetfulness of his friends: his letters are at large of his successe, and his exploits expressed rather by others then himselfe (sawing what in due tie he must of force set downe.) But the frendly lines full of loue that he wrot to that reuerend father M. Fox shewes *His loue vnto M. Foxe.* his deuotion, and confirmes his religion, wherein amongst other matters was these wordes in effect: hartie thanks for his paines, his loue, and prayers, with an earnest request that he would continually pray for him, in that hee resolved that he sped the better for his good prayers, but all too soone for vs was the good olde father of the Church departed before his letters came, to the sorrow of the sender, bringer, and hearers.

His seruice and successe is seene hourly amongst vs, which because the coppies are common, and the publishing may be offensive to some, I will trip ouer them swiftly (as the dogs of Nilus drinke) least I fall into daunger.

He hauing discovered (by aduise of 2 ships of Middleborough that came from Cales, with whom we met in 40. degrees the 16. of Aprill) and by them vnderstanding that there was great prouision in Cales & there about, appointed to come for Lishbourne, he with all speede possible did bend his force thither to cut of their power & prouision.

So as the 19 of Aprill an houre before Sun setting, hee entred the Harbour of Cales, and his Flæte: there checked with vs at the entring thwart the Towne 6 Gallies, but they in short time retrayed vnder their fortresses.

There were in the Roade 60 shippes, and diuers other small shipping vnder the fortresses.

There fled some 20 French ships to Port Royall, & some Spaniards which could not bee hindered of the flight by reason of the shieldes.

There were sunke by vs at our comming in with shot one

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one Argozie of 1000. tunne, furnished with xxx. peeces of
brasse, and richly laden.

There were ij. Gallies more came presently from port
royall, and ij. other from S. Marie port, but all in vaine
therpence of powder and shot the greatest gaine to them-
selues.

There were to the number of 38. ships undertaken be-
fore night, and victors of the Rode, the Gallies retyring
vnder the fortres.

Twentie hulkes Hollanders confiscated to the king, and
their goods sold to the kings vse, xxiiij. of them were fired,
the other five were at port royall laden with wines, and
bread, and to be presently full laden for Lishborne.

One Carrick of 1400. tunnes appertayning to the
Marques of S. Cruse, fired.

Five great Biskets fired, foure of them, lading & taking
in of victual for the kings prouision for Lishborne, the fifth
a ship of 1000. tunne bound for Lishborne, hauing in her
great store of Pipes, much yron, nailles spikes, yron hoopes,
and such like, fired.

One Shatter laden with wines, of 200. and 50. tunnes for
the kings prouision, which we brought to sea with vs, and
discharged at sea part of her wines for the prouision of the
fleete, and then fired her.

Three flic botes of about 400. tunne laden with bisket,
whereof the one being of 200. tunne and vpwordes, wee
halfe vnladed in the harbor, and fired her, the other two are
yet with vs in companie.

Some ten Barkes more laden with wines, reasons,
figges, oyle, wheate, and such like fired.

By supposition xxxviij. ships and barkes fired, sunke and
brought away with vs, amounting in iudgement 13000.
tunne of shipping.

There rid in sight of vs at port royall by estimation a-
bout 40. sailes besides those that fledde from Cales rode.

They gaue vs little ease during our abode there, with
their shot from the Gallies, as also from the fortresses and
from

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from the shore, where continually they planted newe ordinance at all places convenient to offend, notwithstanding their ships we continually fired as the flud came thereby, to be cleared of them, which terrible fiers were pleasaunt vnto vs to behold, and mittigated the continuall burthen of trauell which lay vpon vs day and night in discharging, stiring, and vnlading such provisions, with observations for good and gardable defence for the enimie.

It pleased God by the Generall his great care and paines day and night to fynish this happye action in her Maiesties seruice in one day and two nightes, and came forth againe the fryday in the morning, with verge little losse thanks be to God.

Of xij. Gallies and those that came from port royall and S. Marie port, ten of them came forth after vs as it were to make some pastime with their great ordinance, at length the wind scanting, we cast about againe and stode in for the shore, and came to an anchor within a league of Cales, where their Gallies suffered vs to ride quietly.

There were also thzee flieboates more at Mallegoe laden with Bisket bounde for Cales, and soe for Lishborne we vnderstand of great provisions and forces provided within the straights, we doubt not but as God hath begunne this worke in great happines, to the daunting of the enemye, so God will blesse this Armye in cutting daylye their forces shorter, to the great annoyance of the enemye, and to the honour of our prince and countrie.

We now haue had the experience of Galley fights, where in I can assure you, that these onely soure of her Maiesties shippes, will make no account of xx. gallies, so as they were alone and not driuen to gard others.

There were neuer gallics had place fitter for their aduantage in fight vpon shot, they had present succour to grounde vnder the colone, which they sundry times did, we riding in a narrowe gutte the place yeelding no better, in that wee were driue to maintaine the same vntil we had discharged
and

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and fyred the ships, which could not convenient be done but upon the flood, thereby that they might dyne cleare of vs.

We rest now victualled with bread and drinke for six moneths in our shippes, and bread besides in y. Fliebootes to maintaine a good armie three monethes.

It may seeme straunge or rather miraculous that so great an exploit, should be performed with so small losse, considering the place so convenient, and their force so great as well appeared, from whom were shot at the least at vs ii. C. Culvering and Cannon shot, but in this, as in all our other actions heretofore (although dangerously attempted, yet most fortunately performed) our God wil, and hath alwaies made his infinite power to all papists apparant, and his name by vs his servants under our blessed prince (whose life the Lord prolong) to be continually glorified.

Your louing Cousin Thomas Fenner.

And thus having set downe our full action, hetherunto performed as a beginning or entrance into greater matters, although this being wayed, considering the quantitie of victuall provided, the disapointment of the same, the infinite losse in goods (besides his shippings) I can by no meanes rate it at lesse then one hundred thousand pounds in spoile, this I say considered, may be thought an honorable peece of seruice, the honour whereof we attribute to the giuer of all victories, whose name be praysed, and the credit to our generall, whose trauel and paines being so great cannot be rewarded with too much praise: his due I wish him, nam operarius mercedem meruit.

This was the first exploit of his last voyage: the second was thus as followeth in this Letter dated May 21.

Maister W. you shal vnderstand that since the departure of Captaine Crosse, we haue continued about Cape Saker

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Saker, where we landed, and the better to haue the benefite of the water, as also to ride in harborough at our pleasure, we assaulted the same Castle and three other strong holdes, which we took, some by force, and some by submission.

We haue taken at seuerall times of shipping, Barkes, and Caruels aboue an hundred, laden with hopes, gally, oares, pipe staues, timber, and other prouisions of the king of Spaines, for the furnishing of his forces intended against England, which we burned, and haue consumed all the Fisher boates and nettes thereabouts, to their great hindrance.

Thence we came before the Hauen of Lisbon, anconring nere vnto Cast Cales, where the Marques of S. Cruse was with his Gallies, and seeing vs chase his ships ashore, to take and carrie away his Barkes and Caruels, was content to suffer vs there quietlie to tarrie and likewise to depart, and neuer charged vs with one Cannon shot.

Thus for want of time I leaue the discourse of euerie particular euent vnto Captaine Parker, who hath bene an eye witnesse, and an actor in all our seruices past. From Cape Saker aboard his Maesties good shippe the Elizabeth Bonauenture, the 21. of May 1587.

Your louing friend F. Drake.

And this is the last and all the seruice yet done wherof newes is come to England, being full of valour, daunger, and honour: a maine to the enimie, and an arme to vs, in that by their waining we were stronger. It hath been euer a custome amongst the auncient Romaines, to surname such renowned souldiers, as Scipio was called the African of his conquest: Haniball the scourge of Rome: Licurgus the propper of Athens: Alexander the fire of Persia. And to come nearer (for our owne Chronicles wants no coppie of such honors) Edmund was surnamed Ironside of his valour: William the Norman, conquerour: Edward the third, the sting to Fraunce: Henry the fift, the furrower of Gallia:

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*Note this
comparison*

Henry the 8. the terror of his enemies. And to come yet nearer: we haue now some liuing who for their honorable seruice against the enemy, are called rash & fortunate: others for ward, but vnluckie: others hot and terrible: and infinite honours are ascribed to the, drawn forcible by their valours out of the mouth of y^e aduersarie. Amongst al which, where in (for a subiect, is this Scipio inferior to Hannibal: who is feared for his fortunes, & honored in his seruice. I remember in the time of Edward the 3. king of England, and in the French expedition, that Edward the blacke prince (so surnamed for the blacke battails he fought in Fraunce) seeing his honorable subiect & friend the Lord Audley wounded to the death in the forefront of the seruice, of his bountie gaue to him and his heires yearely for ever 4000. crownes, whether he euer or neuer recovered. The languishing noble man accepting the gift, and learning of his Lord & general (as well as taught by nature) to bee honorable, in the presence of the Prince, gaue the same annual summe for ever to his foure Esquiers that attended on his bodie: whereof being reproued by the giuer, he answered, that in the seruice he had shewn, those foure were no lesse for ward to defend him, and offend the foemen, then himselfe: and being now robd by the enemy of a maister, he knewe it was his honour to leaue them maintenance: and wished withall, that he were as able to enrich his whole company of followers seuerally, as he did these willingly. Herewith (though lamenting his death) the Prince consented to his gift, & so will we burie him with our discourse of him. Yet here out I obserue this, that Generals in actions of expedition, are bound by honor to reward the wel deserving, yet is it not in the power of anie subiect to exceede the limits of his ability, but to reward where he is led by honour, & to content the rest as he is commanded or allowed of those that exceed him in authoritie. If we do but looke warily into y^e worldes estate, we may then conclude with our Diuines: *Mischiefe hath sheathed deceit, & hipocrisie draws it.* And wisely was the estate of Fraunce compared to a set at Primero: & properlie

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Do those of Belgia figure their countrie by a woman assaulted on the foreshide by a Frenchman, & entrapt with palme on the other side by a Spaniard. And in another impregna, they figure her rent by the haire of the head by the French, disrobed by the Italian, botwelled by the Spanish, & succored by the English: in which anatomizing their widowe countrie, whome do they commend & submit vnto but their succorers? whome doe they rewarde with honors & riches but their souldiers? whom do they reuerence, pray for, & cleave vnto, but their Captaines, whom the Athenians called walles of their countries, whome the lawlesse Scythians follow as starres, the gluttonous Persians adore as Gods, the rude Boetians run after as heads, & whom the hardie Lacedemonians reckon as comets, that blaze euer against good fortune. In Rome, what troupes of Senators, flocks of Nobles, & heards of Commons, would burst as a sea forth the gates, to reuerence the welcome conquerour, that either brought home honor or riches: and that was the cause that encouraged the better sort to clime to vertue by honor, and enraged the worse sort to hunt after honour with a thirst of vertue. They that spare the praise, are unworthie & profit: a deserved commendation is a spur to the mind, & he that obscures the honour of a souldier or a scholler, wounds Mars, & slayes Mercury. Apelles drawing the counterfeite of Honor, portraiet her, holding a starre in the one hand, & in the other a stone: meaning by this embleme, & although noble mindes entitled with dignities should reach as high as the skies, yet & inferiour might by vertue catch at stars. And as a Noble man without vertue is like a sun beame couered with cloudes: so is a meaner man without valour: like the bird Fawrus, & hath a great voice, & almost no body. Man in all ages is maintained thus: In his cradle with milke, in his childhood with rodde, in greene youth with shame & good discipline, in mans estate with armes, in elder age with counsaile, & last of all with a staffe till he goe sencelesse to his graue: then if thou be a child, obey thy parents; if a man, serue thy Prince, and die for thy countrie; if

Honors portraiture.

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elde, counsaile others to honour souldiers when they serue not, and to serue for honour when they enter armes. This made the wolues Pursery Romulus become both the first king and builder of Rome: This made the abiect Cyrus weare the first Crowne in Persia, Iustinus the swineheard Emperour in Constantinople, Valentinus the husbandman Emperour in Rome, Telephanes the souldier king of Lydia: and this made Tarquinius Priscus a stranger bozne in Corinth, the sonne of one Demaratus a banished marchant from his Country, become a king in Rome. Yea, and by this in his life he became so famous, that he enlarged the confines of Italie, amplified the wealth and state of the cuntry, augmented the number of Senators, increased the orders of Knighthood, and left Rome so happie at his death, that the Citizens thereof would haue trauailed so farre as Corinth to speede of so noble a Prince. Then must euerie man please in seruice for preferment to honour, which springs of desert, and such as are not fortunate, must learn to follow and hope to finde, must leaue to enuie and grieue to flander, euer carrying the vpight mind of a religious subiect, that in hearing euill spoken of the good, to enter into consideration straight of the man and the matter, and so shall he sift him out, either an enimie to the Estate or the Religion, that by rumors withdraw the willing and abuse the best, to bring them in hatred of the worst, because hee knowes the common multitude is like a manie headed beast. But studie euerie man rather to looke into the danger of such seruices (I meane in respect of their bodies that perfoymes it) and to thanke God for the victories, to pray for their prosperitie in their enterprizes, and to encourage others to their supplies, so shall God be glorified, Nobilitie be honoured and animated, the peace of the Land maintained, and all men pleased.

FINIS.

